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Streets Are Littered With Classified Trash

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"TOP SECRET," "SECRET" and "CONTENTS CLASSIFIED" envelopes from the State Department's Communications Center Division were just so much litter yesterday.

The envelopes—all empty—were among a collection of trash including a daily report of the Middle East and Africa (prepared by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service), partial copies of speeches, personnel listings, copies of Congressional Records, Associated Press wire stories and copies of The Washington Post, the New York Times and Newsweek and Times magazines. The debris was scattered along Independence Avenue from 15th to 17th Streets near the Tidal Basin.

State Department spokesmen said they were unaware of the litter until they got a phone call from a reporter. They speculated it had fallen off a trash truck that was en route to an incinerator.

William Blair, deputy secretary for public affairs said security personnel collected the litter. "Most of it was envelopes and labels," he said. "It was not the actual classified contents, but the envelopes . . . we were naturally relieved it wasn't what it appeared to be."

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